

Tomorrow night, Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 in the Memorial Union Browsing room there will be a meeting for all those interested in taking the vital issues of our time to the electorate in 1970. Discussion will center on the possibility of a third party whose major concerns will be the war, priorities, and the quality of life in this country. All are welcome.

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Student-Faculty referendum planned:

ROTC Question Tabled By 20-19 Senate Vote

The Faculty Senate voted 20 to 19 yesterday to postpone deciding whether ROTC will be allowed to continue at URI until next fall when a referendum of students and faculty can be taken. Deadline for the referendum was set at October 15.

Results of the referendum will not be binding.

The referendum proposal, introduced by Senator Wilbur Doctor, replaced the motion on the floor which called for 1) continuation of the ROTC program with modifications, and 2) communication with other land grant colleges and the Department of Defense to determine whether ROTC still serves a useful purpose at URI.

The referendum next fall will place before students and faculty the three recommendations determined by the Ad Hoc committee appointed by President Baum to study the value of ROTC on campus. The recommendations are that 1) ROTC be discontinued by June 30, 1974, 2) that President Baum confer with other land grant colleges to explore with the Defense Department possible alternatives to the present officer training system and 3) the Defense Dept. be urged to

examine the academic offerings of this and other schools that could possibly be accepted in place of the present ROTC programs.

Student dissatisfaction with the referendum vote was evident. Spokesman Steve Gorin stated "the entire referendum is illegitimate."

The decision to table a final vote on the ROTC issue came after approximately 90 minutes of often tense and confusing debate. The special meeting had been called after a three-hour debate last Thursday, May 14 failed to come to any conclusion.

About 300 students interrupted Senate action often with catcalls, giggles, applause, hisses and minor theatrics.

A group of students, opened the meeting with a show of support for a motion presented putting the Faculty Senate on record as strongly opposing the "wanton killings" of black students recently in Jackson, Miss., and Augusta, Ga. Six students with red-smudged hands and faces carried a black student in a mock funeral procession across the front of Edwards Auditorium, halting progress of the Senate meeting for a few minutes.

Students in attendance

protested repeatedly that the black student issue was labeled "new business" and would not be considered by the Senate until after a full agenda was completed. The Senate's will prevailed and business was conducted as usual.

Another special meeting was called by the Senate for today at 1 p.m. at Edwards to consider the student issue and other unfinished business.

In related action to the student strike, the Faculty Senate passed the following resolution at last week's meeting: Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate of URI believes that the young men who conscientiously refuse to serve in any conflict should not be punished for their moral stand and that their constitutional rights must be protected by the Attorney General and courts of the state.

Considered during the latter part of yesterday's meeting was the Teaching Effectiveness Committee report presented by committee chairman Stephen Schwarz. The Senate approved a university commitment to teaching effectiveness, 18 guidelines for teaching effectiveness, and distribution of the 18 guidelines to faculty members.

Editorial

There should be no doubt that the question of continuing ROTC on this campus is a moral issue, as well as in this case a curricular one. If we continue to have ROTC on campus we are making a moral decision. If we discontinue ROTC on campus we are making a moral decision. In the past, on a number of occasions, we have expressed the view that ROTC should be discontinued on moral grounds as well as for academic reasons. We reaffirm that here today.

However, what we witnessed yesterday at the Faculty Senate meeting deserves specific comment. We cannot condone the kind of theatrics displayed by so-called radicals, but worse we cannot condone the immorality they practiced. Immorality perpetrated by those who claim to be fighting against such. Who are they? What have they done?

They are at times the only remaining moral presence in our country, and they are at times equally immoral. In other words, they have taken on all the immorality they are fighting against. At times they are, themselves, the clear and vivid representation of a sick society. They are society struggling for morality, and sometime succumbing to the established community. Yes! They are as surely a part of the established order as much as they are revolutionaries or radicals. They are BOTH by their ACTIONS. They are those who screamed out and interfered with democracy, and in the process violated each individual's rights. We are against ROTC but we are for man's moral rights! We can not justify sacrificing those rights in pursuit of morality precisely because by doing so we will defeat and destroy any hope of morality or justice. By doing so we are playing their game, the game of the present sickness in our society. By doing so we participate in this immoral society and assure its continuance.

We condemn you, who are worse than the established order because you perpetrate your crimes in the name of humanity. We condemn you because you lead others by your words into actions as ugly as those you protest against.

For those who care about man, about his society there is another course. It is a much more difficult than our radical friends have taken because it requires more than just emotional catharsis. It requires a true adherence to the dignity of man and to morality. It requires laboring long, with ego and emotionalism put aside. It requires the ability to make those critical distinctions so lacking on the part of many of those "radicals" who attended yesterday's meeting.

The course is difficult to follow for there is the fear of being co-opted by the system. The course is to work to change this society, to renovate not destroy its structure. The course is to make real the values expressed in our western culture; not to trample on those values ironically in the process of defending those values.

This takes much more than was present on the part of students and faculty alike yesterday. This is the only real courage in the twentieth century, and the only hope.

Most Freshmen Sports Out Basketball, Football Saved

Because of budgetary limitations, all freshmen sports, other than basketball and football, will be discontinued next year. Athletic Director Maurice Zarchen is in the process of contacting Yankee Conference members concerning the use of freshmen in varsity sports other than basketball and football next year. The budget for the 70-71 year was accepted during the last Athletic Council meeting for the semester held on May 12.

In other council action a motion to end the awarding of blazers to varsity athletes was defeated by a 7 to 5 vote by Athletic Council members. The bill was proposed by Allen Divoll and Eliot Asser, both of whom felt that the \$2500, which had been placed in the budget for blazers by Mr. Zarchen, could be of greater use in some other sports areas.

Preceding the vote on the bill, coaches and captains of Nine URI varsity sports appeared before the Council to give their teams' opinions concerning the awarding of blazers. The over-riding view was that the blazer was a source of great pride and gave the teams a "sense of unity." Irwin Shoor of the tennis team added, "If it comes to playing tennis or wearing a blazer, the blazer should go."

Basketball Coach Tom Carmody felt the blazers were an essential part of the athletic program: "If you take away blazers, you're going to destroy part of the heart of URI athletics."

Mr. Zarchen also brought up the question of a swimming team in the 71-72 season. Dean of Arts & Sciences Jerome Pollack proposed that the Council take all the necessary preparatory steps toward the formation of a future

swimming team, while remaining within the existing total budget for next year.

Before adjourning, members of the Council discussed the serious implications of the Student Senate's bill which would freeze \$29,000 of the athletic tax next year until a \$4 increase can be voted upon in a referendum in September. This increase was instituted by former URI President Francis Horn in 1962 without the approval of the student body.

1909 OR 1970?

This issue of the BEACON will be the last issue for this semester. We thought it would be appropriate to look back at URI of the past.

In our search to amuse and interest you we came across an edition of the BEACON published in 1909. The lead story, an ad of sorts, carried this long headline, "Rhode Island State College, A Polytechnic Institution, Maintained by the NATION and the STATE for the purpose of offering FREE COLLEGIATE INSTRUCTION." Skipping over the questionable practice of maintaining the nation and state, we could hardly avoid

highlighting the idea of free. "Free" is getting more and more expensive every year. In this article-ad, expenses and payments were as follows: "No tuition. Other college fees (incidental and laboratory fee), Nineteen dollars for a whole year. PAYABLE QUARTERLY."

Finally, this description of URI is considered by some faculty still relevant today. "Healthful, beautiful, favorable for quiet study, free from temptations of evil; readily accessible by forty five minutes ride at almost any hour of the day. All advantages of the country, together with ready access to the city." No comment.